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April Milk Production

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 965 million pounds of milk during April, up 1.6 percent from a year ago, according to Marlo Johnson, Regional Director of USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Production per cow in Michigan averaged 2,255 pounds for April, 20 pounds above April 2019. The dairy herd was estimated at 428,000 head for April, up 3,000 head from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 24 major States during April totaled 17.8 billion pounds, up 1.6 percent from April 2019. March revised production, at 18.5 billion pounds, was up 3.0 percent from March 2019. The March revision represented an increase of 115 million pounds or 0.6 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,013 pounds for April, 17 pounds above April 2019. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 8.85 million head, 65,000 head more than April 2019, but 4,000 head less than March 2020.

Milk Production – Michigan and 24 Selected States: April 2019 and 2020

Commodity	Michigan		24 Major States	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
Cows 1,000 Hd	425	428	8,788	8,853
Monthly rate per cow Pounds	2,235	2,255	1,996	2,013
Production Mil lbs	950	965	17,544	17,825